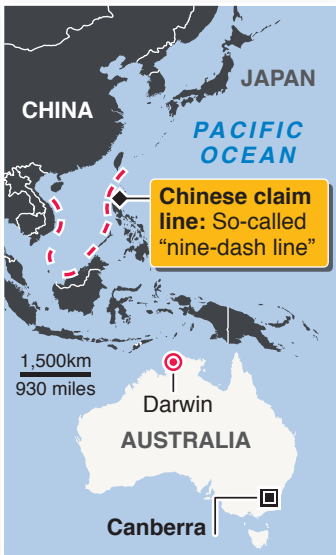
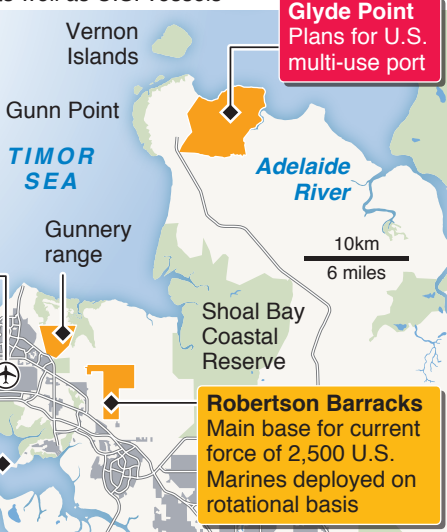


U.S. set to build new naval base in Australia

The United States military is planning to spend more than \$200 million on additional naval military infrastructure near Darwin in Australia, a move that is likely to raise tensions with China



New port could eventually accommodate large amphibious warships such as Australia's Landing Helicopter Docks, as well as U.S. vessels



Darwin International Airport / Royal Australian Air Force base

Central Business District

DARWIN

Cox Peninsula

Darwin Port: Leased for 99 years to Chinese company Landbridge

Robertson Barracks
Main base for current force of 2,500 U.S. Marines deployed on rotational basis